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I have earned both hands before the fire of life; when it sinks I am ready to depart.—Friedrich Harrison, author.

SAN FRANCISCO NOT ASLEEP

News from Washington indicates that the navy department favors the completion of Pearl Harbor drydock, but that is no reason for Honolulu to sink back into a security that every thing is all right.

The naval officials, the engineering experts and the secretary of the navy all favor the Pearl Harbor site. It is not in the department itself that the danger lies, but in the attitude that Congress may take. Secretary Daniels has already shown that he is unwilling to assume the responsibility for going ahead on the Pearl Harbor work, because of the very heavy expense involved. Congress is asked to pass on the matter. It is in precisely this situation that there is a possibility of a change in policy. And even a possibility should be guarded against.

Evidence that San Francisco, taking advantage of the collapse of the Pearl Harbor structure, is getting ready for a big campaign to secure the drydock, multiplies daily. The San Francisco Journal of Commerce, a well-informed and conservative paper, says "there is a very fair prospect that money will be forthcoming from an unexpended appropriation remaining in the national treasury for the construction of the proposed drydock in San Francisco Bay."

This unexpended appropriation is the Pearl Harbor appropriation. San Francisco is after it. Public sentiment in the Golden Gate City is being systematically worked up in readiness for a campaign at Washington.

Meanwhile, Honolulu is disposed to take it easy. The Merchants' Association is getting information from Washington, but in Kuhio's absence from his seat it is not immediately easy. Kuhio has several loan engagements which prevent his departure for the capital and it is difficult to tell whether or not he will be at his post until after the Carnival festivities have been properly attended to.

PARTY

The Oregon Historical Society has devoted one of its quarterly issues to Harvey W. Scott, the late and the great editor of the Portland Oregonian, one of the leading newspapers of the Coast,—indeed of the West or of the country. From 1865 to 1910 he built the Oregonian from a struggling sheet in a pioneer town to a great newspaper property in a city of more than 225,000 people.

The Oregonian was built not only into a large property, but into a commanding position in American journalism. Harvey Scott was at the helm for forty-five years, an unswerving advocate of the integrity of the nation, of the union of states, of sound currency, of a free people. It is for his services that the Oregon Historical Society has honored his memory in the issuance of a quarterly devoted to his life and work. He was the first president of the society.

Of more than passing interest, therefore, is the following extract:

"Party was to Mr. Scott a means to an end—not the end itself. He was too broad-minded to think virtue in a mere party name or to follow party as a fetish. The Republican party was for him—the only one—of concentrated and centralized power, in resistance to local authority and disintegration, and in transformation from a federal to a national republic."

This is a conception of party in its best sense.

The Waikiki Inn has asked the board of license commissioners for an extension of the week-day after-hour privileges from 11:30 to 1 o'clock a. m. The license board has already denied this resort the after-hour privileges mentioned, on sufficiently good grounds. The decision is a recent one, and nothing has since happened, so far as we are aware, to indicate that the character of this beach resort has been materially improved. Under such circumstances the board's ruling should be an easy one to make.

DAYTON'S NEW GOVERNMENT

H. M. Waite, first "city manager" of a large municipality, has already begun work on his plans to make the big Ohio city run on a business efficiency basis. Only one man of his staff so far has been brought from the outside, that

An optimist is a man who points. There are some printers who can study the lives of those who have the silver lining in a cloud—and always find time for pleasure, but succeeded. You will see that they then borrow your umbrella before it rains and they usually neglected for did whatever they did as well as they began to rain.

man being J. E. Barlow, who was with Waite in Cincinnati.

Newspaper dispatches say that Manager Waite's program includes standardization of service, equalization of compensation, promotion and employment only on merit, elimination of sinecures, centralized purchasing of all supplies, rigid adherence to a scientifically prepared and detailed budget, continuous audit of city accounts, adoption of modern mechanical appliances for street-cleaning and other departments, and material increase in efficiency in the city service.

One of the most important additions to the city service is the welfare department, which has charge of the divisions of health, parks, playgrounds and correctional institutions, and devotes particular attention to housing conditions, social betterment work and the scientific application of charity.

The surplus from reduction of operation expense, through more economical and efficient management under the new government, will be used to liquidate deficits contracted by past political administrations.

The entire country will watch with keenest interest the workings of the "Dayton plan." If it is successful, it is not unlikely to revolutionize municipal government even more than Galveston has done.

THANKS TO MR. WILSON

Thanks to the good sense and firmness of President Wilson, the Democratic raid on the postoffice department has been blocked. In these columns some days ago it was pointed out that the "rider" to the appropriation bill, exempting assistant postmasters from the operations of civil service, was an obvious effort on the part of the Democratic congressmen to open the pasture gates for the party herd. President Wilson expressed his disapproval of the amendment as soon as its purpose became evident, and now cable dispatches say that the "rider" has been dropped.

It is unfortunate that the Democrats succeeded in getting the opening wedge of politics into the civil service systems both of the treasury department and department of justice. The effect in these, however, will be much less serious than in the postoffice department. It is to be hoped the president will continue firm in the position he has now taken.

Col. Goethals demands a free hand for the police commissioners of New York; otherwise he won't take it. The result is likely to be that he won't take it, for the police commissioner is so hedged about by ordinances and laws that he has no free hand. Gen. Bingham found these restrictions anything but helpful to modern police administration. The New York charter, backed up by court decisions, vests a great deal of power over the police department in the mayor. Mayor Gaynor, for instance, used to tell Rhineland Waldo what to do even in matters of detail—and Waldo generally did it.

The Star-Bulletin has received an anonymous communication dealing with the prohibition question and criticising a statement made in this paper. Inasmuch as the author of the article did not see fit to reveal his identity, the communication is not published, in conformity with our unvarying rule.

Someone has discovered that the Democratic administration is extravagant. It appears that Jeffersonian simplicity consists in spending one hundred dollars on a cutaway instead of fifty on a frock coat.

Some so-called Americans will be given a distinct shock upon learning that there is graft in any government but Uncle Sam's.

Hope the Mexicans don't fight behind our sugar sacks like Andrew Jackson did behind the cotton-bales.

Dr. Sun will have trouble enough getting here without worrying over what happens after he arrives.

Glad enough to hear about those new forts, Uncle Sam, but how about the drydock?

Seems that we cannot even retain the itinerant nobility by putting them in jail.

It is not always comfortable, however, when eggs are falling.

Letters OF TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

THE SOLDIERS AND HONOLULU.

Sir: In the following article I am not trying to agitate or raise comment, all that I ask the readers to do is to look the problem square in the face. The committee who is supervising the carnival openly congratulated themselves on. Why pay the \$2500 when we can have the soldiers for nothing.

I wish the weariness and footsoreness of 7000 men marching 55 miles to amuse people who not only refuse them admittance to their homes, but their places of public entertainment as well, could be weighed against the \$2500, and see which would weigh the most.

No doubt the supervisors mean well, but why not consider and give the men a "lower down" a chance. Isn't it humiliating enough the way they treat us when we are there on a pleasure trip without forcing us to walk down to amuse them. It is evident that the people of Honolulu detest the very presence of these "horrid soldiers." Then why are they not content, why not have us here in peace? Isn't 28 miles far enough from them? Why not use the H. N. C. whom they say are better soldiers than we are, whom they are so proud of, whom they call gentlemen. The people of Honolulu look upon Samson. When in the midst of their merriment they said, "Go fetch Samson that he may make us sport."

Some of the readers will wonder if I am prejudiced against Honolulu, but I will state my case and let you answer the question yourself. I have been a soldier for nine years and have been stationed in a great many places, but I have had more slurs thrown at my uniform in Honolulu in one year than in the whole eight years elsewhere. That doesn't mean that I haven't been mistreated elsewhere, but never have I been to a place like Honolulu. I am unable, as you see, to find words to convey my feelings for a place like this. Now some wise one may say that if slurs are thrown it is because I am not a man fit to be in the service. But let me say this much for the service: there is no one to stop a thug or a tough from coming in, but there are men in the service who will put him out.

There will be many people who will not like this piece, but 30 minutes after the paper reaches Schofield Barracks there will not be a private soldier who would not like to shake my hand.

"HOPEFUL"

THE TROOPS AND THE CARNIVAL

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin. Sir: Will be much obliged if you will kindly publish the following communication:

I think a fair-minded way for the transportation of the two infantry regiments stationed at Schofield Barracks, Lihue, would be for the Ad Club to pay their way out of the funds collected for the carnival. It is as much a necessary expense item as anything else connected with the carnival. When the people of Honolulu stop to consider that the troops will be furnishing amusement for the people both at the military tournament and at the army, and at the exhibition drills at Kapiolani park, it looks no more than right that the people should pay for the transportation. They will get the benefit of the exhibition drills, etc., should the troops have to march, the roads will be either muddy or dusty, and the troops will present but a bedraggled appearance by the time they arrive in town, then again the men will be fresher and in better condition if they are brought in by train.

I think the people of Honolulu will be showing a very poor spirit indeed if they let the men march in and then expect a first-class exhibition from them.

If the men are furnishing this entertainment, as they certainly are, they ought not to have to march. If the Ad Club cannot see its way clear to pay the cost of transportation, why then start a public subscription and I think the fair-mindedness of the people will respond to the call.

A meeting of the members of Schofield Lodge, U. D. F. and A. M. has been called for 7:30 o'clock this evening in the rooms of the lodge over the Lihue department store. There will be work in the first degree.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—WILL MILES: The mayor is getting all right again. He will be back on the job Monday.

—M. S. KIM: If you value my friendship, don't josh me about "easy money." I don't like it—the joshing, I mean.

—LOUIS NOCKLES: Honolulu improves steadily on acquaintance. The malihini gets to like it better every day.

—F. V. F. BAKER (parlor of liner Ventura): We never lose an opportunity to launch a boosting campaign for the islands and the mainland with the arrival of the Ventura at Sydney. It's all in the game.

—FAIR CORN: Friends are looking askance at my blood-shot eye and bruised hand. For their benefit, I will say that I accidentally collided with an electric-wire pole in jumping off a streetcar last night.

—A. T. LONGLEY: The advertising of the marketing division has certainly paid. Scores of people have been attracted by it and have come to us. What we need now is more products to sell.

—LINDSAY SCRUTTON: The new 18-hole course at the Country Club is possibly more interesting than the old 9-hole course being used when I was here last, but the greens are certainly difficult.

—THEODORE B. THIELE: A series of Saturday night concerts will be inaugurated at the Young hotel this evening, the affair to be given on the roof garden. These concerts will be continued as long as they receive the support of the public.

—REV. A. A. EBERSOLE: That "it pays to advertise" is being shown by the constantly increasing attendance at the various English-speaking churches of Honolulu, due to the church-attendance campaign which those churches are now carrying on.

—A. M. NOWELL: The morning paper had it that I had gotten out war insurance on the shipment going via Tehuantepec. That is twisted. I have taken out no such insurance.

—CHARLES K. HOPKINS: Ordinarily I think my conduct is decorous, but when some fantastic individual comes along and expounds the theory that the size of newspapers ought to be limited in order to conserve the forests,—well, everybody has to break loose once in awhile.

CAPTAIN JOHN von HELMS: It is with regret that I am compelled to return to the coast after the pleasant visit to Honolulu. My misfortune in failing to connect with the San Francisco pilot boat has proved a pleasing experience. The Ventura will have no delay in entering the Golden Gate awaiting a pilot on this trip.

—ADALINE HERSHEY: I wish to thank the people who presented Bibles, and Testaments for the Sunday school class in the county jail. The boys appreciated them, too, as more can read now. Tears came into the eyes of the German boy as he read in the German Bible. Gospel hymn books are needed and, if any to spare, please leave at the Y. M. C. A.

—BISHOP MERRYMAN C. HARRIS: Honolulu should take great pride in those Japanese and Korean young men who, having received their education here, have gone to their native countries to carry the message of Christianity. I am intimately acquainted with many of them, and all are doing an excellent work.

—F. B. MCSTOCKER: An effective way to break up the carrying of concealed weapons and thus stop some of this promiscuous shooting would be to prohibit the manufacture of revolvers less than 18 inches in length from the end of the stock to the end of the barrel. This, in addition to strict enforcement of the law against carrying concealed weapons, and a jail term instead of a fine for breaking the law, would soon end the dangerous practice.

"A Message from the Orient" will be the subject of an address which Merryman Colbert Harris, missionary bishop of the Methodist church for Korea and Japan, will deliver in Central Union church tomorrow evening during the joint service. Bishop Harris has been engaged in religious work in Japan and Korea for the past 40 years and is visiting in Honolulu prior to leaving for New York on business matters connected with his work.

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Personal Mention

H. P. BECKLEY of Hawaii was a passenger in the Mauna Kea this morning, joining the vessel at Mahukona.

MISS BERNICE DWIGHT returned from a vacation trip to Hawaii this morning, as a passenger in the steamer Mauna Kea.

H. B. WELLER, representing the Union Oil Company and a Maui theatrical impresario, is a visitor at Honolulu today. He was a passenger in the steamer Mauna Kea.

J. W. CALDWELL, superintendent of public works and chairman of the harbor commission, is back from a business trip to the island of Hawaii. He was a passenger in the steamer Mauna Kea.

MR. and MRS. W. H. THOMPSON, Mrs. Addine Beckman and Mrs. Anna Sollars of Lodi, Cal., will be Floral Parade visitors. They leave San Francisco February 12.

MERRYMAN C. HARRIS, missionary bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church for Korea and Japan, will address the Honolulu Japanese Woman's Association Monday at the River street Japanese church.

E. B. BRIDGEWATER, founder of

"The Sentinel," a weekly publication here, is on Kauai attending a meeting of the school teachers there. Mr. Bridgewater is secretary of the school teachers' body on that island. According to the report, he will return to Honolulu next Tuesday.

GLENN E. JACKSON, secretary of the extension work of the boys' department of the Young Men's Christian Association, will deliver an address in Kaunakapili church tomorrow morning, beginning at 11 o'clock.

ANTONE CORREA of the Kamehameha schools, while engaged in a game of soccer against Oahu College yesterday afternoon, suffered a broken leg when he was thrown to the ground after colliding with a player on the other side. This is the second serious accident to happen during the soccer season. It is reported that Correa is resting easily, the fracture having been set soon after the accident.

HUMAN LIVES VALUED

AT \$75 IN NEW YORK

[By Latest Mail] NEW YORK.—Shirrogate Fowler has signed orders permitting the administrators of the estates of nine persons killed in the Triangle Waist Company fire on March 25, 1911, to settle claims against Joseph A. Asch, owner of the building. The claimants receive \$75 in each case. The money was paid by the casualty company in which Asch was insured and payment was made, not as a compromise for damages. These payments are the first that have been made for the death of the fire victims.

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